GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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MEDICAL HELP TO NORTHERN ALLIANCE
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is extending its medical assistance to the Northern Alliance in Afghanistan.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether India has been running a hospital in Kuliyab with Indian doctors; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a)-(b) India has historical ties of friendship and cooperation with Afghan people. As part of our commitment to further strengthen our relationship, government has been extending humanitarian assistance, including medical relief material and medical services, through various routes, for the benefit of people of Afghanistan. Recently, on 21st November 2001, we had sent a consignment of medicines to Kabul, along with the diplomatic mission that went to Afghanistan. Earlier, in October this year, we had sent two consignments of medicines, weighing over forty tonnes, to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, for the benefit of Afghan people.

(c) -(d) As part of our commitment to offer medical relief, interalia to the local people of that region and for the benefit of Afghan people, India has also been running a hospital in Farkhor, Tajikistan, just across the border from Northern Afghanistan for over two and a half years